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Dear Sir.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 12, 2003 to February 12, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted.

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